

"Caring for our environment"

Centre : **BOHERBUE**
County : **CORK**
Category : **B**

Results

Date of Adjudication : 05-07-97

	Maximum Mark	Mark Awarded 1997	Mark Awarded 1996
Overall Developmental Approach	50	31	31
The Built Environment	40	24	24
Landscaping	40	25	24
Wildlife and Natural Amenities	30	14	14
Litter Control	40	25	24
Tidiness	20	13	13
Residential Areas	30	19	18
Roads, Streets and Back Areas	40	26	25
General Impression	10	6	6
TOTAL MARK	300	183	179

Boherbue, Co. Cork

OVERALL DEVELOPMENTAL APPROACH

The co-operative effort surrounding the work of the Meitheal is impressive. Other centres which have done increasingly well in this competition have prepared 3 or 5 year plans, in which objectives are identified, and projects set for specific years (instead of trying to accomplish everything at once); you might consider such a course of action. Please mark on your map the location of all sites which should be visited, and please name all streets and housing estates. When answering the questionnaire, please differentiate between work completed and work planned for the future.

THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT

The Church, the Hospital, the Schools - the school on the Kanturk road is greatly enhanced by its beautifully kept grounds - the Pearse Memorial Hall, and major commercial buildings belonging to the Co-Op, were well presented (the latter's premises on the south of the street were rather better than those on the north). The Garage referred to in previous years, and houses in the same side as the Pearse Hall, unfortunately remain as problems. The majority of shops and business premises are well maintained, but there are still too many plastic and mass-produced signs to create a harmonious street scape.

LANDSCAPING

Shrub and floral displays were good again this year, both on the outskirts and in the village centre. The central flowerbed looked splendid on adjudication day, only surpassed by the nearby rosebed in front of the blue house. Hanging baskets and window boxes on private and business premises here and there add greatly to the feeling of brightness and enjoyment. The single piece of pleasant planting at the church car-park looked rather isolated - there is room for plenty more of this.

WILDLIFE AND NATURAL AMENITIES

Not a great deal seems to have been accomplished. You might find the notes in the Tidy Towns booklet helpful, as well as the sheet provided by Conservation Volunteers Ireland.

LITTER CONTROL

This was good again this year. Congratulations.

TIDINESS

There was an excessive amount of kerbside weed in many quarters. It should be neither difficult nor time-consuming for individual householders and proprietors of business premises to attend to this problem, where it exists; or, better still, to prevent it, at their very doors, so to speak. The overhead wires and poles

might be removed by degrees as part of a long-term plan.

RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Very nicely painted street and suburban houses, many of the latter with most attractive gardens, were favourably noted. The houses at Paddy McAuliffe Avenue looked particularly well (though there was considerable kerbside weed on the road frontage). A charming thatched house was much admired.

ROADS, STREETS AND BACK AREAS

Well trimmed verges on the approach roads from Mallow, Tralee and Millstreet, and very well trimmed verges on the Kanturk approach, were a positive feature at the time of adjudication. The church car-park was well kept. Some entrances, such as that to an industrial premises on the Millstreet road, were not well kept; by contrast, the entrance to the GAA Park, with the excellent rosebed adjacent, was commendable. Residents and the business community are to be praised for the very pleasant appearance of the central square, which gives a very good impression of the village.

GENERAL IMPRESSION

Progress has definitely been made since last year. If a number of details are attended to in a systematic way, the overall improvement will be even greater in subsequent years.